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IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH COMMUNICATION AND ENVELOPE TO COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL COMMAND, ATTENTION FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

DEC 1 9 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Director, Research & Development
Major General L. C. Craigie

1. Confirming the recent conversation of the undersigned with Major General L. C. Craigie, 9 December 1947, attached as listed below are copies of the reports from this Headquarters concerning Flying Discs.

2. Comments of Headquarters, Air Force on these letters have never been received by this Command. Continued and recent reports from qualified observers concerning this phenomenon still makes this matter one of concern to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command. Intelligence Department of this Command is continuing the collection and analysis of all available reports.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

HM McCoy
H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

2 Attach:
cc ltr to CG, AAF, dtd 23 Sept 47
subj "AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs""
cc ltr to CG, AAF, dtd 24 Sept 47
subj "Flying Discs"

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DATE: 22 Dec 47

FROM: OIN

SUSPENSE DATE:

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"Analysis of 'Flying Disc' Reports".
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MRD	Memo to AMC Attn: TSDIN			
DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:
24 Dec 47	30 Dec 1947			

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Col Cook/2497/bm
AFMRS

(3)

30 December 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
Attn: TSDIN

1. Reference is made to three inclosures, memoranda from your office to this headquarters, subject as above.

2. It is Air Force policy not to ignore reports of sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere but to recognize that part of its mission is to collect, collate, evaluate and act on information of this nature.

3. In implementing this policy, it is desired that the Air Materiel Command set up a project whose purpose is to collect, collate, evaluate and distribute to interested government agencies and contractors all information concerning sightings and phenomena in the atmosphere which can be construed to be of concern to the national security. It is desired that appropriate recommendations be forwarded to this Headquarters, wherever action is indicated which falls outside the field of the Air Materiel Command.

4. It is suggested that the activities of this project include the preparation and distribution of an initial report, as recommended in Inclosure 1, and that subsequent reports be issued on a quarterly basis. Supplementary reports should be issued at more frequent intervals should the need for same be indicated. This project is assigned priority 2A, with a security classification of "restricted" and Code Name of "SIGN". Where data of a classification higher than restricted is handled by the project such data should be classified accordingly. A complete interchange of data should be effected as recommended in Inclosure 1.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

P 97084

2 JAN 1948

L. C. CRAIGIE
Major General, U. S. Air Force
Director of Research and Development
Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Materiel

4 Incls
1. Memo dtd 23 Sept '47 from AMC to AC/AS-2 (Gen Schulgen)
2. Memo dtd 24 Sept '47 from AMC to AC/AS-2 (Gen McDonald)
3. Memo dtd 19 Dec '47 to Gen Craigie
4. R&R from Dir of Intell, w/2 Incls

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AFOIR-CO/Col Garrett/lwd/4544
18 Dec '47

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Basic Ltr fr Hq. Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Fld, Calif., dated 5 Dec '47, subject: Flying Disc.

AFOIR-CO-5 1st Ind.

Dept. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 22 DEC 1947

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Field, California

1. The marks appearing on the photographs inclosed in basic letter are believed to be defects in the film, paper, or camera and not pictures of "flying discs".

2. It is requested that no further investigation be made of this incident.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, U.S.A.F.
Executive, Air Intelligence Requirements Div.
Directorate of Intelligence

Incls.
n/c

Dec 5 Flying Disc

HQ. AAF
22 DEC 1947
AAC MAIL BRANCH

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File ref:
B/L fr Hq. Fourth Air Force, Hamilton Fld, Calif. dated 5 Dec '47
subj: as above

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		C. P. CABELL			
	Col Garrett	Brig. Gen., USAF			

DATE: 5 Dec 47 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

FROM: Hamilton Fld, Calif

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Flying Disc Mary L Herren
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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2
Intelligence
Hamilton Field, California

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DEC 5 1947

12-131

SUBJECT: Flying Disc.

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

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1. The attached photographs were forwarded to this office by a very reliable source of information, obtained from a Mary L. Herren, 1728 S. W. Bidwell Avenue, Portland 2, Oregon. She advises these photographs were taken some time between November 5th and 12th, 1946, in the vicinity of Jefferson, Oregon, and points out the formation in the photographs as being objects she did not recall seeing herself but she thought might possibly be flying discs.

2. The objects referred to appear in the sky area of each accompanying photograph. The uniformity of the markings would tend to indicate that the camera or film used to take these pictures was possibly defective. No incidents of flying discs have been reported from that vicinity on or about the inclusive dates named above.

3. Mrs. Herren has requested the return of the negatives. If desired, this office will obtain the negatives and forward them at your request.

DONALD L. SPRINGER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
AC of S, A-2

3 Incls:
Photographs.

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

18 NOV 1947

11-145

SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Office, Director of Intelligence
Lt Colonel George Garrett, Jr.

given to AFOAI)

1. The inclosed newspaper clippings are submitted for your information and comment. The incident reported in Seattle appeared in the "Dayton Journal" on 12 November 1947, and should be followed up if possible.

2. The story by Lionel Shapiro regarding war weapons developed in Spain evidently was printed in a number of leading newspapers throughout the country. The significance of this article will be dependent upon certain essential elements for such alleged important developments, such as funds, materials, experimental testing facilities, and technological "know-how". The latter is supposed to be supplied by German scientists. The German scientists at this Hq indicate that no important scientists from Germany are working in Spain, and those mentioned in this article are not known to them.

3. If possible, therefore, an effort should be made to obtain names, qualifications, or any information that might help to identify the alleged German scientists working in Spain.

4. A brief statement was made in a recent intelligence report from Hq, USAF, AC/AS-2, regarding a flying disc incident in Alaska in September. The close range sighting reported should render a more detailed observation than what was reported, which also suggests a follow-up.

5. It is further requested that this office be advised as to progress being made on the plotting of all flying disc incidents to date, particularly in North America. It was understood that Dr. Carroll was going to plot these incidents, but no further word was received regarding this effort.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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C D GARRETT Jr
Lt Col USAF
DP

A. J. Hamlet, Jr. Lt Col-USAF

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Intelligence

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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

24 NOV 1947
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SUBJECT: Flying Discs

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Office, Director of Intelligence
Lt Colonel George Garrett, Jr.

Reference letter, subject as above, dated 18 November 1947, it is requested that immediate action be taken to appropriately mark or stamp this correspondence with the classification "secret". This classification number is as follows: U-48983

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. J. Hewitt Jr. Col-USAF
for H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

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Lt Col Garrett - OIR-CO
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WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

SEP 23 1947

SUBJECT: AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Brig. General George Schulgen
AC/AS-2

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2. It is the opinion that:

a. The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious.

b. There are objects probably approximating the shape of a disc, of such appreciable size as to appear to be as large as man-made aircraft.

c. There is a possibility that some of the incidents may be caused by natural phenomena, such as meteors.

d. The reported operating characteristics such as extreme rates of climb, maneuverability (particularly in roll), and action which must be considered evasive when sighted or contacted by friendly aircraft and radar, lend belief to the possibility that some of the objects are controlled either manually, automatically or remotely.

e. The apparent common description of the objects is as follows:-

(1) Metallic or light reflecting surface.

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Basic Ltr fr CG, AMC, WF to CG, AAF, Wash. D. C. subj "AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs".

(2) Absence of trail, except in a few instances when the object apparently was operating under high performance conditions.

(3) Circular or elliptical in shape, flat on bottom and domed on top.

(4) Several reports of well kept formation flights varying from three to nine objects.

(5) Normally no associated sound, except in three instances a substantial rumbling roar was noted.

(6) Level flight speeds normally above 300 knots are estimated.

f. It is possible within the present U. S. knowledge -- provided extensive detailed development is undertaken -- to construct a piloted aircraft which has the general description of the object in subparagraph (e) above which would be capable of an approximate range of 7000 miles at subsonic speeds.

g. Any developments in this country along the lines indicated would be extremely expensive, time consuming and at the considerable expense of current projects and therefore, if directed, should be set up independently of existing projects.

h. Due consideration must be given the following:-

(1) The possibility that these objects are of domestic origin - the product of some high security project not known to AC/AS-2 or this Command.

(2) The lack of physical evidence in the shape of crash recovered exhibits which would undeniably prove the existence of these objects.

(3) The possibility that some foreign nation has a form of propulsion possibly nuclear, which is outside of our domestic knowledge.

3. It is recommended that:-

a. Headquarters, Army Air Forces issue a directive assigning a priority, security classification and Code Name for a detailed study of this matter to include the preparation of complete sets of all available and pertinent data which will then be made available to the Army, Navy, Atomic Energy Commission, JRDB, the Air Force Scientific Advisory Group, NACA, and the RAND and NEPA projects for comments and recommendations, with a preliminary report to be forwarded within 15 days of receipt of the data and a detailed report thereafter every 30 days as the investi-

Basic Ltr fr CG, AMC, WF to CG, AAF, Wash. D.C. subj "AMC Opinion Concerning "Flying Discs"

gation develops. A complete interchange of data should be effected.

4. Awaiting a specific directive AMC will continue the investigation within its current resources in order to more closely define the nature of the phenomenon. Detailed Essential Elements of Information will be formulated immediately for transmittal thru channels.

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N. F. TWINING
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.
Commanding

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23 September 1947

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N. F. TWINING
Lieutenant General, U.S.A.
Commanding

This letter was coordinated by:
Col. Moore - Ch. Aircraft Lab
Mr. D A Dicky - Ch Propeller Lab
Gen D. L. Putt - Engr Div
Col. Minty - Ch Power Plant Lab
Gen Brentnall - T-3

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24 September 1947

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SUBJECT: "Flying Disc"

TO: Commanding General
Army Air Forces
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: AC/AS-2
Major General George McDonald

1. In compliance with General McDonald's telephone conversation, this date, to Colonel H. M. McCoy, T-2, Hq. AMC, attached herewith is a copy of a drawing entitled, "Loedding Flying Disc", designated LD-2. Because of patent rights involved, it is requested that a record be kept of all persons reviewing this drawing by witnessing with signatures and dates directly on the drawing.

2. This drawing should be returned to this office when it has served its purpose so that it can be turned over to the Patent Office Hq. AMC for official record.

X452.1 Airplanes, Misc

3. Inclosed herewith is also a report prepared by the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Technical Note, AERO 1703, which describes the Horten tailless aircraft. The following references are invited which is considered significant in relating the Horten brothers perspective thinking and accomplishments toward the alleged "Flying Saucer" case:

a. Page 5, Paragraph 4 and 6.

b. Page 6, Paragraph 1 and 7.

c. Page 26, Paragraph 3 and 10.

d. Page 27, Paragraph 12.

e. Page 28, Paragraphs 1 through 5.

f. Page 54, Photograph of Horten "Parabola".

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Basic ltr, dtd 24 Sep 47, to CG, Hq AAF, Wash, subj: "Flying Disc"

g. Page 69, The Horten VIII.

h. Pages 71 and 72, Photographs of the Horten IX Versions.

i. Page 74, Drawing of the "Parabola".

This document should also be returned when it has served its intended purpose.

X452.1 Airplanes - Russia

4. A recent report from the U. S. Military attache, Moscow, USSR, dated 9 June 1947, indicates that 1800 aircraft, directly or indirectly based on the Horten VIII design (six engine pusher, having a wing spread of 131 feet and a gross weight of approximately thirty-three thousand pounds) are being built for bomber squadron use. The Russian version, however, is jet propelled, reference report whose identification No. is V-32291-8.

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5. The T-2 report "German Flying Wings Designed by Horten Brothers", No. F-SU-1110-Nd, also inclosed herewith, may be retained by your office if desired.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

3 Incls:
1. Drawing
2. RAE Tech Note, AERO 1703
3. T-2 Rpt, No. F-SU-1110-ND

Inclosures mailed with original letter 18 Dec 47 [illegible]

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FORM NO. MR-1 (2)

DATE: 30 Oct 47

452.1 Aircraft - Misc.

INDEX: 0009 Flying Saucer - Phenomena

TO: CSGID, Plans and Collection Branch

FROM: Chief, Air Intelligence Requirements Division, AC/S-2

SUMMARY: Intelligence Requirements on Flying Saucer Type Aircraft

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FILED: 350.09 Intelligence

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REMARKS:

Re: German scientists

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B/L fm AMC, Subj: "Flying Discs", dtd 13 Oct 47

Wrtn 22 Oct 1947
Lt Col Garrett/dl/4544
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Dept. of the Air Force, Hq., USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 28 OCT 1947

To: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio
(Attention: T-2)

1. A representative of this headquarters has contacted Lt. Colonel Herbert C. Gee concerning Mrs. Merchant's theory on the flying discs, as expressed to General Brentnall.

2. It is recommended that no action be taken to interrogate Mrs. Merchant and that this case be closed.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

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DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, ~~Air Corps~~ USAF
Executive, Air Intel, Requirements Division
Office of Ass't Chief of ~~Air~~ Staff-2

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Headquarters
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

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Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

13 Oct 1947

SUBJECT: "Flying Discs"

TO: Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: AC/AS-2
Lt Col George Garrett

1. Attached copies of communications are self-explanatory and indicate action taken to obtain additional information regarding subject. Assistance shown from Lt Col Herbert C. Gee was with reference to the social standing and character of Mrs. Merchant to determine justification for further investigation of her theories.

2. In view of Lt Col Gee's transfer to Washington, D. C., it is suggested that a representative from Headquarters, AC/AS-2 contact and interview him.

3. General Brentnall stated that Mrs. Merchant was extremely talkative and seemed quite intent on promoting a personal enterprise instead of cooperating to help solve an intelligence problem.

4. Comments and suggestions, therefore, regarding further action to interrogate Mrs. Merchant would be appreciated in order to close this case as soon as possible.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ W. R. Clingeman, Col., A. C.
for
H. M. McDOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

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1. Cy AMC, T-2 Ltr, 9/29/47, "Flying Discs"
2. Cy 1st Ind, 10/2/47, fr Hq. Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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29 September 1947
13 Oct 1947

SUBJECT: "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding Officer
Operating Location No. 16 of
731st AAFBU (101st AACS Sq)
Kirtland Field
Albuquerque, New Mexico
ATTN: Col. Howard G. Bunker

1. General Brentnall, during a recent visit at Las Vegas, was contacted by a Mrs. Madeline Gwynne Merchant, Sante Fe, New Mexico, who described what may be termed a novel theory concerning "Flying Discs".

2. According to her thoery, "Flying Discs" are being fired from a locality in Central Mexico from a laboratory which is being operated by the Russians. She claims they are being aimed at the United States for the purpose of sighting in on important atomic energy and aircraft installations.

3. General Brentnall states that he does not have any further interest in an interrogation of Mrs. Merchant since it is not an engineering matter. However, he recommends that if Hq, Air Materiel Command, T-2, wishes to sponsor an interrogation of this nature that Col. Howard Bunker should be contacted to determine the name and address of the colonel at Las Vegas who has knowledge of this case. In view of General Brentnall's suggestion, no direct contact will be made with Mrs. Merchant.

4. It is requested, therefore, that the name and address of the above mentioned colonel be made available to this office as soon as possible so that further action, as deemed advisable, can be taken.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ M. E. Goll
H. M. McCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence (T-2)

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B/L fr Hqs, AMC, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, File TSNAD-2B, 29 Sep 47,
Subj: "Flying Discs"

1st Ind HGB:ms

HEADQUARTERS, Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2 October 1947

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio
ATTENTION: T-2

1. The officer referred to in Par. 3 is Lt. Col. Herbert C. Gee, O-19717, who was formerly Commanding Officer at Los Alamos rather than Las Vegas, as stated. Lt. Col. Gee is now stationed in the office, Chief of Engineers, Civil Works Division, Washington, D. C.

2. There is no replacement for Lt. Col. Gee at Los Alamos and no information is available to indicate that any individual in this vicinity has more information concerning Mrs. Merchant's theory than Brig. Gen. Brentnall of AMC who personally conducted an interview with her.

HOWARD G. BUNKER
Colonel, AC

Incl # 2

DATE: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ 13 Oct. 47	SUSPENSE DATE:	NO.: 234015
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AFBIR-CO-5 1st Ind

Department of the Air Force, Hq, USAF, Washington 25, D. C. 8 OCT 1947

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: TSNAD-2B

Attached hereto is information requested in basic letter.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE:

DOUGLASS W. EISEMAN
Lt. Colonel, ~~Air Corps~~ USAF
Executive, Air Intel, Requirements Division
Office of Asst Chief of Air Staff-2

3 Incls:
1 - Memo for AC/AS-3, 26 Sept 47 w/Map
2 - Memo for Chief, Air Intel Div, 2 Oct 47
3 - Summary of Info on "Unidentified Flying Objects"

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"Flying Saucers"

Commanding General, Army Air Force, Washington 25, D.C.
ATTN: AC/AS-2, Lt Col Garrett

X 000.9 - Japan

It is requested that this office be furnished all available information concerning an alleged "Flying Saucer" flight sighting made by a radar station in Japan. This incident was mentioned by Dr. Charles Carroll during a conference in Brig Gen Schulgen's office attended by Mr. A.C. Loedding, T-2 representative, on 5 September 1947.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

/s/ M.E.Goll
/t/ H.M.McCOY
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Commanding General
Intelligence T-2

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8 Sept 47

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11 SEP 1947

SUBJECT: Reported Sightings of Flying Discs.

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
Attention: T-2.

1. As arranged verbally with Mr. Loedding, inclosed is the complete file maintained by this Office on reported sightings of Flying Discs.

2. This file is forwarded so that photostats may be made in order to provide your Command with a duplicate set of these sightings.

3. When photostating this material for your purpose, it will be appreciated if one extra set is made for this Office and returned at the same time the originals are returned.

4. This file, and the duplicates, should be returned as soon as possible to this Headquarters, Attention: AC/AS-2, Air Intelligence Requirements Division, Collection Branch.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL SPAATZ:

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Flying Saucer Phenomena

TO: Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Research & Development

DATE 22 August 1947

COMMENT No. 1

FROM: AC/AS-2, Air Intelligence Requirements Division
Collection Branch

Lt Col Garrett/nc/4544

1. From a detailed study of certain reported observations on the flying saucers, selected for their veracity and reliability, it is apparent that several aspects of their appearance have a common pattern.

2. Before pursuing its investigation of these objects any further, this Office requests assurance that no research project of the Army Air Forces, at present being test-flown, has the following characteristics and that it may therefore be assumed the recent flying saucer "mystery" is not of United States origin:

a. Surface is metallic - indicating a metallic skin, at least.

b. When a trail is observed, it is a lightly colored blue-brown haze, similar to a rocket engine's exhaust. Contrary to a rocket of the solid type, one observation indicates that the fuel may be throttled, which would indicate a liquid rocket engine.

c. As to shape, all observations state that the object is circular, or at least elliptical, flat on the bottom and slightly domed on the top.

d. Size estimates place it somewhere near the size of a C-54 or Constellation as they would appear while flying at 10,000'.

e. Some reports describe two tabs located at the rear and symmetrical about the axis of flight motion.

f. Flights have been reported containing from three to nine objects, flying good formation on each other, with speeds always above 300 knots.

g. The discs oscillate laterally while flying along, which could be snaking.

Robert Taylor 3rd
ROBERT TAYLOR 3RD
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FORM NO. MR-1 (4)

DATE: 5 Aug 47

INDEX: 000.9 Phenomena

TO: Chief, Intelligence Group, Intelligence Division, War Dept Gen Staff

FROM: Executive, Air Intel, Requirements Division, AC/AS-2

SUMMARY: Request for F. B. I. Investigation on Background of Certain Witnesses to "Flying Discs".

Memo

FILED: 333.5 Investigation

INDEXER: ejb

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SUBJECT: Flying Saucer Phenomena

TO: Air Intelligence Requirements Division, AC/AS-2
Attn: Collection Branch

DATE AUG 29 1947

COMMENT No. 2

FROM: Deputy Chief of Air Staff for Research & Development

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The Army Air Forces has no research project with the characteristics described in Comment No. 1.

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